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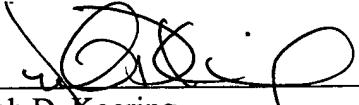
In the present application, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-10 of the present application as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 6, 7, 8 & 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,240, based on the contention that they are not patentably distinct from one another. The Examiner has stated, however, that Claims 1-10 would be allowable, if an appropriate terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) were filed. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer as required, and submits that all of Claim 1-10 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and passage to allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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